

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 9 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The Examiner has stated several times that the specification defines a portal as a collection of data files. Data files represent a structural element and therefore this rejection should be removed.

Applicant attaches the front page of a United States Patent and Trademark Office website search of issued U.S. patents which show the word "portal" as an element in the claims of 2,530 issued patents. Therefore, applicant believes that he particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed the subject matter or else there are 2,530 that should be withdrawn from issuance.

The Examiner stated in response to applicant's arguments that Chipman teaches that responses to a user's questions are organized in different portals. This is not what is claimed in the claims of the present application. Claim 1 specifically states that the system integrate an industry related portal and a second portal of a different industry so that a user can simultaneously display information related to the two portals on a screen and simultaneously search within both portals. The Examiner has provided information which supports applicant's argument. Chipman teaches that the user's questions are organized in different portals. Nowhere does Chipman teach that the system integrates at least two portals so that the two portals can be simultaneously searched. Placing information into two separate portals has no relation to whether these portals can be searched simultaneously, or whether they can be integrated. In

fact, the section cited by Chipman shows that information in one portal can be placed in another portal for another user's access. That user will not have access to the first portal. Therefore, Chipman actually teaches away from the teachings of the claims of the present invention.

Krishan relates specifically to advertising over the internet. It relates in no way to industry related portals and therefore, cannot be combined with Chipman. For all the reasons stated above, the claims of the present invention are not obvious over the prior art.

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance.

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